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MEDICAL FACILTIES TO POOR PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government for providing medical facilities to the poor people at their doorsteps;

(b) whether it is a fact that the poor people have to cover a distance of 7-8 kilometres for availing medical facilities ;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government for removing this problem being faced by the poor people ; and

(d) the extent to which the Government has been successful in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) Primary Healthcare services are being provided in the country through a three-tier network of Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Sub-centres (SCs) system. These are based on the following population norms:-

Population coverage Norms

Centre	Plain Area	Hilly/Tribal/Difficult Area
Sub-Centre	5000	3000
Primary Health Centre	30,000	20,000
Community Health Centre	120,000	80,000

(b) to (d): Government have been making all possible efforts to provide medical facilities in every nook and corner of the country. A network of 3222 CHCs, 23109 PHCs and 142655 Sub-centres in the country has been created. However, still there is a shortfall of 3332 CHCs, 4436 PHCs and 21983 Sub-centres as per 2001 census population. A total of 8669 additional Sub-centres has been sanctioned for a number of States/UTs during 10th Plan. Government has been advising the State Governments from time to time to fill up the existing gaps in infrastructure on priority basis.